

vile traffickers and buyers who belong behind bars. In fact, we built jails and prisons for these deviants.

Stories like Tina's are common in our Nation. Sex trafficking just does not happen in foreign countries. As co-chair of the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus, along with my friend JIM COSTA and coauthor of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, along with CAROLYN MALONEY, it seems to me that, in America, human trafficking victims need to be identified, rescued, and not abandoned.

The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act does three things: it prosecutes the traffickers—the slave traders—and it locks them up. It prosecutes the buyers in that it punishes them like the traffickers; it rescues the victims and treats them as victims, not as criminals; finally, it establishes a fund that is paid by the traffickers and the buyers to help treat and restore victims with long-term care.

Let those crooks pay for the system they have created, and let them pay the rent on the courthouse. America cannot let young girls be bought and sold on the streets of our Nation. These predators are everywhere. They are not old men in trench coats but are young, good-looking guys who are well versed in their vile trade. Their next victim could be anybody's daughter or wife.

No human being should ever have to endure what Tina and other trafficking victims like her have gone through. Tina was able to escape her slave trader, and she has become a survivor. Tina, along with many other survivors, has found a way to turn her darkness of hell into a light for good.

Recently, I was honored to tour Courtney's House, which is a shelter right here in Washington, D.C., that Tina founded to rescue and support trafficking victims. She actively uses her personal experience to connect with those girls and give them support, nourishment, hope—things that they need. Since 2008, Courtney's House has helped over 500 victims escape the bonds of sex slavery and become survivors.

In this Human Trafficking Awareness Month, I wish to commend Tina's leadership and zeal in helping other victims become survivors. Tina is inspiring courageous. Victims and survivors should know that we as a society stand with them and by them; and let the law put the traffickers and buyers in jail.

Madam Speaker, justice demands such.

And that is just the way it is.

THIS IS NOT WHO WE ARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, this is not who we are. The executive order that the President is executing does not reflect our American values. It is not consistent with a clear statement in our Constitution that we do not dis-

criminate on the basis of national origin, that we do not discriminate on the basis of religion. Read the executive order. It does those precise things.

But there are other foundational documents that contradict what the President is executing. Matthew 25: "I was a stranger, and you invited me in. . . ." This policy is morally bankrupt. It is an attempt to pander to narrow voices to which this President promised a Muslim ban. He went to Rudy Giuliani and asked how to do a Muslim ban, and this is what they came up with.

Make no mistake. This is not who we are. Not only is it morally wrong—against everything we have been taught about who we are as a country—but this administration has been dangerously incompetent in how it is even implementing this misguided policy—secretive. I saw a White House spokesman this morning admit that they kept this secret from the very people who are going to be asked to implement this wrong-headed policy. It is morally wrong, and it is being administered in a dangerously incompetent way.

Most importantly, this policy will not make us safe. This unconstitutional executive order will make us less safe. What is the message we are trying to send—that we are an intolerant Nation? that, if you happen to have different beliefs, you are not welcome here? People who are literally being handcuffed are people who have a legal right to be in the United States of America.

We cannot normalize this. We cannot accept this as simply a difference of opinion over how to secure our borders. It makes us less secure to send a message to the world that we are this narrow and—yes—bigoted Nation. We are not that. Even for many of those people who supported this President, this is not what they voted for. I ask my colleagues to, for God's sake, speak up.

Join the faith leaders who are speaking up against this terrible, unconstitutional policy. Join the business leaders who are saying this is wrong. Join your own Republican colleagues—many in an increasing number—who are having the courage to stand up against the President of their own party and say "no." This is not who we are. This does not reflect who we are. This is morally wrong. This is constitutionally wrong, and this is dangerous.

History will judge where people who sit in this House stood on this day on this question.

Stand with your fellow Americans. Stand with the Constitution. Stand with those who are willing to speak up and speak truth to power and say this is wrong, that this is not America. This must end now. Add your voice to that chorus. Be on the right side of history.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Bless the Members of this assembly as they set upon the important work that faces them. Help them to make wise decisions in a good manner and to carry their responsibilities steadily with high hopes for a better future for our great Nation.

May the desire to act speedily to implement promises made while campaigning not prevent the careful consideration of all possible outcomes in the governing process. Send Your spirit of wisdom and discernment upon them in their work.

May Your blessing, O God, be with all of our leaders this day and every day to come, and may all we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGÁN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BARRAGÁN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE SHAME ACT SHAMES TRAFFICKERS

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, those dastardly deviants that are in the slave trade of human sex trafficking try to dehumanize their victim. Victims sometimes lose their self-worth and dignity of existence.

Last Congress, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, led by CAROLYN MALONEY and me, was enacted to go after traffickers and buyers to rescue victims. Now it is time to expose